

Unsettled today and probably tomorrow, with showers. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 97; minimum, 66.

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TERRIFIC WIND STORM, WORST IN CAPITAL'S HISTORY, CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF OVER \$1,000,000

BUILDING BLOWN DOWN IN STORM; TWO PERSONS KILLED, TWELVE INJURED

Fifty-Year-Old Structure at Seventh and L Streets Northwest Collapses Like House of Cards, Burying Victims Under Debris—Walter E. Hilton, Vice President of Real Estate Company, Dies Trying to Save Women Clerks.

MANY DEEDS OF HEROISM MARK DISASTER; PHYSICIAN FROM HOSPITAL RESCUES FOUR

Like an egg shell crushed under the heel, the Saul Building, at Seventh and L Streets Northwest, yesterday afternoon collapsed before the wind. Two persons are dead and twelve injured.

The fifty-year-old structure, uninspected for years, went down before the blast which swept from the North like a house of cards. The victims never had a chance. The building fell upon them, hurling them down—down into a mass of debris in the basement. The brick and woodwork of three floors piled upon them.

Walter E. Hilton, vice president of the B. F. Saul Real Estate Company, which occupied the structure, gave his life in a futile attempt to save the women clerks. Thomas Fealy, father of Rev. Ignatius Fealy, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was just outside the building, about to bring a little boy in out of the rain. The falling wall struck him. He was taken out dead.

SUPERB INSTANCES OF BRAVERY

Suffering, bereavement, and superb heroism are the outstanding features of the aftermath of the collapse. Men clerks, themselves injured, attempted with all their power to aid their more grievously stricken comrades. Police and firemen risked their lives to go under the shattered cross-beams and piled up debris to dig out the injured.

Dr. William Kelly, of Casualty Hospital, with a hypodermic needle, risked his own life to allay the suffering of those pinned below. Strychnine injections he gave to those who appeared to be weakening; morphia to the ones who seemed convulsed in their suffering. Four persons he dragged out from the ruins—three men and a girl.

"It's all in the day's work," he said afterward. "I was a trifle scared at first, but that passed away. It was nothing."

THE DEAD.

Walter E. Hilton, thirty-five years old, vice president of the B. F. Saul Company.

Thomas Fealy, sixty-five years old.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Katherine McMahon, twenty-three, bookkeeper, 1111 Rhode Island Avenue, head cut, possible internal injuries; taken to Casualty Hospital.

Thomas E. Allen, thirty-five, 1702 Port Drive Road, foot crushed and severe bruises and contusions; taken to Emergency Hospital.

Ida Kaplan, thirty-five, 2017 Ninth Street, possible fracture of skull; sent to her home in an automobile.

Nedie Kaplan, twelve, daughter of Ida Kaplan, severe bruises and cuts on arm, leg, and body.

Katherine Brown, twenty-five, 435 Sixth Street, body crushed; taken to Casualty Hospital.

LESS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Albert J. Drury, nineteen, 805 Florida Avenue Northwest, bruises and cuts.

Thomas E. Cox, twenty-one, 138 North Carolina Avenue Northeast, contusions.

J. W. Jacobs, twenty-eight, Galtharburg, Md., head cut.

E. B. Robbins, twenty-one, 1340 Valley Street, Anacostia, bruises.

Harold Robinson, eighteen, address not known, contusions.

Roy Humphries, eighteen, 120 S Street Northeast, cuts and bruises.

Neal Houck, contusions.

Horse Is Killed.

All those caught in the collapse were employees of the B. F. Saul Company, except Mrs. Kaplan and her daughter, who ran into the building to seek shelter from the storm. A horse owned by Timothy J. Casey, of 1108 Seventh Street Northwest, was killed under the falling walls. The horse was attached to a wagon driven by Timothy J. Casey, Jr., aged twelve. It was in an effort to call the boy in out of the storm that Mr. Fealy lost his life. He and the boy were about to go into the Saul Building when the first warning sound came from the falling walls. The boy leaped back and ran across the street. Mr. Fealy's life was crushed out where he stood.

It was in the very midst of the storm.

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SEARCHING FOR BODIES IN RUINS OF SAUL BUILDING.



Photo, taken shortly after wreck of building, shows police and firemen digging in debris.

DAMAGE RESULTS IN ALEXANDRIA

Virginia City Struck by Most Severe Storm Since 1896 Cyclone.

\$50,000 LOSS ESTIMATED

Traffic Paralyzed and Telephone Service Suspended—Old Christ Church Loses Panel.

Alexandria, Va., July 30.—The storm in Alexandria was the most severe since the cyclone of 1896. The damage is estimated at \$50,000. No one was injured.

Roofs were blown away, walls demolished, and hundreds of shade trees destroyed.

Traffic on the river front was completely paralyzed. Small crafts were blown away and there were many thrilling rescues. Telephone, telegraph, and electric service was completely suspended. Poles and wires were blown down in every section of the city. Many families whose homes were unroofed were compelled to seek temporary sleeping quarters tonight until the damage can be repaired.

The city almost was in complete darkness.

A freak of the storm was the twisting out of position of the clubhouse of the Old Dominion Boat Club on the river front. A shed and tramway at Althea's wharf was demolished.

The Clark & Winston Co.'s pile driver at the coal wharf of W. A. Smoot & Co. was sunk. A two-masted schooner at Smoot & Co.'s wharf was sunk.

Lightning struck the large barn at "Camron," a few miles west of Alexandria, in Fairfax County, completely destroying the barn and contents, also killing six horses and four hogs.

Damage estimated at \$2,000 resulted at the plant of Old Dominion Glass Company, one side of the factory being blown off, the roof blown off, and a shed destroyed.

The roof of the warehouse of Henry K. Field & Co., lumber dealers, was blown off, and a part of the wall of its engine room destroyed.

The roof of the plant of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company was raised, and the acid plant of that concern had its side and roof blown off.

One of the old panels in the northwest corner of the steeple of historic old Christ Church, in Fairfax County, completely was blown down, and a number of fine shade trees in the old church yard were badly damaged by the storm.

The east gable of house, 501 Cameron Street, occupied by Mrs. Albert Mullings, fell. A singular coincidence in connection with this is that September 18, 1896, during the process of a cyclone, the west side of this house was blown out, killing W. D. Stuart, who occupied the adjoining house.

The rear end of the residence of Robert E. Knight, 307 Prince Street, completely was unroofed. A part of the north wall of the residence occupied by Harry Hammond, 25 North Columbia Street, also was damaged.

Other damaged buildings: Residence of Dr. R. B. Moore, 511 Prince Street; plant of Emerson Engine Company, southeast corner Prince and Fairfax Streets; residence of Mrs. George H. Harlow, 411 Prince Street; residence of J. M. Hill, 411 Prince Street; residence of G. William Ramsey, 517 Cameron Street; house occupied by Fannie Kimball, 24 North Lee Street; residence of Misses Whiting, 208 North Fairfax Street; roof of Colonial apartment, 211 North Fairfax Street; store of E. Goldsmith, southeast corner of King and Lee Streets; residence of M. Mathews, 218 North Fairfax Street; residence of M. A. Quinn, 511 Oronoco Street; old Folger Hall, 30 North Fairfax Street; Roberts Chapel colored, South Washington Street, between Gibson and Franklin; W. A. Carter, colored, 68 South Washington Street; Alexandria County Lighting Company, on river front; wall of building occupied by Herforth Brothers; residence of Mrs. John W. Burke, 23 Wilcox Street; residence of Benjamin Posey, 113 South Lee Street; residence of Mrs. Samuel Pones, 111 South Lee Street; residence of Thomas C. Rawlett, 20 King Street; residence of L. Harrison Kell, southeast corner Fairfax and Queen Streets; west wall of apartment house on Duke Street, between Royal and Pitt; corner on McBurney Hall building; plant of Mutual Ice Company, foot of Cameron Street; Paff Shoe Company factory, Washington and Gibson Streets; Store of N. Lindsey & Co., wholesale grocers, King and Lee Streets; cupola of Alexandria Hospital; open air moving picture establishment at Cameron and West Streets; new fire engine house at Rosemont station at North Braddock. Both Alexandria and Fairfax Counties.

HEROIC RESCUE MADE IN RIVER

Physician and Government Clerk Save Lives of Two Exhausted Missionaries.

STRUGGLE IN THE WATER

Boat About to Capsize, Men Leap in Water—Swimmer Is Stunned by Hailstones.

A gritty young doctor and a heroic government clerk pitted brain and brawn against the elements in the height of the gale yesterday afternoon and triumphed when they dragged from the waters of the Potomac two exhausted missionaries.

Maximilian P. Bergeron, twenty-four years old, a clerk in the War College, dived from the seawall into the churning waters of the harbor, about 100 yards from the college building, and caught William Cliff, who, nearly unconscious, was being held up by Charles Robinson, Cliff and Robinson are Seventh-day Adventist missionaries.

Way Made in Storm.

Bergeron went to the aid of the drowning missionaries after Dr. E. Dolphus Haymer, also a Seventh-day Adventist, and son of a clergyman of that faith, had battled his way from the harbor to the War College against odds which would have baffled a man of less strength and determination.

Dr. Haymer, Cliff, and Robinson were in a rowboat in the wide waters off the end of the V shaped peninsula on which the War College stands when the storm broke. They were about to plunge in for a swim when the gale hit them.

A rock, used for an anchor, was thrown over but did not hold, and the men, fearing the rowboat would capsize, took to the water. Dr. Haymer gradually worked his way toward the sea wall, aided by the high waves.

Haymer was caught in a high wave and swept to the crest of the wall, the impact bruising and stunning him so he was barely able to cling. He waited for the next wave and gained the top. The wind and hail blinded him.

"A piece of hail, I believe as big as a hen egg, struck me in the back of the head, and I was stunned. I fell, and the wind literally rolled me over and over. I caught my hands in the high grass and partly regained my breath, but I had lost my bearings. I lay still until a flash of lightning revealed the top of the War College. I had gone 100 yards away from the building, instead of toward it.

"I was so chilled I had to crawl that 100 yards to the college. I was afraid to

TWO HORSES AND WAGON LIFTED IN THE POTOMAC

Water Department Team, Picked Up by Storm, Rescued from River by the Vigilant.

Two Workers, Afraid to Let Go Their Hold, Get Severe Drenching During Storm.

LIGHTNING PLAYS NEAR THEM

Throughout the storm two workmen clinging to scaffolding erected about the huge statue of the Goddess of Freedom, atop the Capitol dome. They were James Boyce and John Ford. They were afraid to let go their hold on the scaffolding so that they might climb to safety.

There were thirty-five men at work around the statue when the storm broke, but all but two of them made their way inside the building. The statue is 37 feet above the street level, and the lightning played about it during the whole time.

Boyle and Ford were soaked by the downpour, but they said they were not hurt. They admitted they were frightened.

Many of the other men had delayed leaving their unsheltered position until the last moment. By the time they had climbed off the scaffolding and reached the highest landing, they found that the wind had slammed the door leading into the interior of the dome with such force that it took the combined efforts of eight of the men several minutes to get it open, the while they were cut and whipped by the rain and pelted by the hail.

It was a sad-looking crew that finally splashed its way to the engine room to get dried out.

2539 to Philadelphia, 6:35 Chester, and 8:20 Washington and Return. Sunday, August 4, Baltimore & Ohio R. R. from Union Station, Washington, D. C. at 8:30 a. m., returning same day.

FOUR DEATHS THE TOLL AS 66-MILE WIND, WITH RAIN AND HAIL, RAGES

Storm Descends on City After Several Days of Sweltering Heat—Plate Glass Windows Smashed, Trees Uprooted, and Roofs Sent Flying—Temperature Drops Thirty Degrees in an Hour—Senate Forced to Adjourn.

ALL BUSINESS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED; WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS NEARLY DEVASTATED

Four deaths, damage estimated at \$1,000,000, and many persons injured, was the toll yesterday of the worst storm which has swept over Washington in years.

The Capital has been singularly fortunate in escaping severe visitations of Nature. Only two great storms linger in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. But the storm of July 30, 1913, has taken its place, with the hurricane of '96 and the blizzard of '98.

Coming from the North, after three days of sweltering heat, an awe-inspiring tempest of wind, hail, and rain descended on Washington shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The wind attained a velocity of sixty-six miles an hour, according to Weather Bureau observations, and in less than an hour the rainfall was 2.02 inches. Accompanying the rain were hailstones, many as big as chestnuts, which smashed plate-glass windows in all sections of the city.

Roofs were blown off. Two persons were killed and twelve injured in the collapse of the Saul Building, at Seventh and L Streets Northwest. A house at Fifteenth and Euclid Streets was torn apart, the six occupants narrowly escaping death in the falling masonry. The Senate was forced to adjourn because of the terrific din made by wind and hail.

In an hour the temperature dropped 40 degrees.

NO INSPECTION MADE IN YEARS

Long Since the Saul Building Had Been Officially Visited.

WHAT MR. HACKER SAYS

States that Only Such Structures as Are Reported Unsafe Are Looked Into by His Office.

The Saul Building, which collapsed yesterday with a toll of two lives and eleven injured, had not been inspected in years either by the District Building Inspector's office or the Fire Department.

Morris Hacker, District Inspector of Buildings, declared that the building had never been called to his attention as unsafe.

"During my four years of office I have never had occasion to have the Saul Building inspected," he said. "Only such buildings as are reported unsafe are inspected by my office. I see that the Saul Building was constructed with lime mortar. Cement mortar now is required by the building regulations. It leads to stronger construction."

"I don't say that even had cement mortar been used the building would not have been blown down. Reports on this accident will do little good now. What we must do is to point out the defects in the building so that such defects can be avoided in the future."

Fire Marshal Nicholson said: "This was a plain business building, and as such did not come under the Fire Department inspection. That was entirely in the realm of the Building Inspector's office. We have never had our attention called to this building as unsafe."

It was rumored yesterday that the Saul Building once had been condemned and repairs had been made, strengthening the structure. Asked concerning this Mr. Hacker said:

"No such charge was made during my term of office. The records would have to be looked up to determine it."

It was impossible to reach the records last night.

J. E. Healey, of the District Engineer's office, accompanied Mr. Hacker to the scene. "The building appears to me to have been rather well constructed," he said. "The walls were unusually thick."

Mr. Saul could not be reached last night.

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OPEN-AIR PICTURE THEATER DESTROYED

Screens, Platform, and Benches on Site of Old Schuetzen Park Are Sent Flying.

The gale destroyed an open-air moving picture theater on the site of the famous old Schuetzen Park, at Georgia Avenue and Kenyon Street Northwest. A fence, fifteen feet tall, surrounding the park, which covers nearly half an acre, was leveled over like a paper structure when the wind struck it.

The screen on which the pictures were shown was carried away and has not been found.

A platform, on which the screen was erected, was blown away and was followed by a string of benches, which were but toys in the teeth of the gale, although too heavy for one man to carry.

Paper mache statues about the grounds were ruined and the frame structure in which the reels were kept was damaged. Schuetzen Park was famous in bygone days and was a Mecca for Sunday pleasure seekers.

The management of the picture concern now leasing the park says the have created by the storm will not stop the exhibition of picture plays.

Lansbury Imitates Suffragists.

London, July 30.—George Lansbury, former member of Parliament, and suffragist sympathizer, has followed the example of the militants and declared a hunger strike. He is in Holloway Jail, serving a three month sentence on charge of conspiracy growing out of the recent suffragist riots. Lansbury was given a chance to escape jail by giving a bond for his good behavior, but refused.

Low Rains California and Return.

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Storm, "Due to Intense Heat," Attained Velocity of Sixty-Six Miles, Says Weather Bureau Report

The Weather Bureau, in its report last night, said: "The most striking feature of the weather during Wednesday was the occurrence of a severe local storm in Washington and vicinity. The storm was due to the intense heat of the last few days, and at times exhibited a tornadic tendency. It was, however, purely local in character, as reports thus far received do not indicate unusual occurrences at any considerable distance beyond the limits of the District of Columbia. The storm lasted about thirty minutes, and the highest wind velocity reached was sixty-six miles an hour from the northeast. Considerable hail fell, and the total precipitation during the storm was 2.02 inches."

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